

Browning House
Hancock County
Nauvoo, Illinois

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THE BROWNING HOUSE
Nauvoo, Hancock County, Illinois

Owner: Mr. Charles H. Hudson

Date of Erection: Prior to 1845

Present Condition: Fairly good.

Number of Stories: Two stories

Materials of Construction: Red local brick walls, stone foundation, stone trim, wood shingles; wood sills and lintels in addition.

Other Existing Records: Hancock County Abstracts.

Additional Data: Little is known of the history of this house.

Nauvoo, which was the seat of the Mormon Church had a local militia, called the Mormon Legion. This body of men served in a capacity similar to our present day National Guard, and a building in Nauvoo is today pointed out as the Arsenal.

This community, therefore, having its own army of a sort has listed Johnathon Browning in the old records as a gunsmith. No more than this is known of him, except that he left Nauvoo in 1846 for Utah and that his son, born in 1854, was later to become famous as the inventor of the Browning Rapid Fire Rifle.

The house is located on the east side of Main Street, now also called 7th Street, between Kimball and Munson Streets.

Source of Information: Hancock County Records and The Encyclopedia Britannica.

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Addendum to
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